

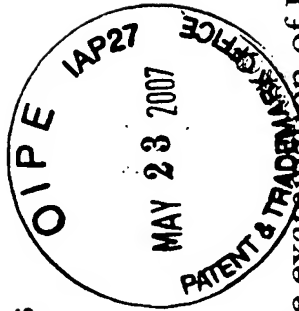
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I support the Request for Re-examination of Patent # 6,924,413 submitted by the American Anti-Vivisection Society (AAVS) challenging the patenting of rabbits and other animals whose eyes have been purposefully damaged.

I am opposed to the USPTO's practice of issuing patents on animals. This is an inappropriate application of United States Patent Law. Animals are sentient beings, not machines or mere "compositions of matter."

I urge you to grant the Request for Re-examination.

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